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Response to Restriction Requirement Without Traverse

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed July 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully elect the claims of species IV (indicated by the Examiner to be associated with Fig. 5) for prosecution on the merits and to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. It is believed that current claim 1 is generic, and that claims 1-4, 8, 11-19, 32 and 33 are readable upon the elected species.

This election is made without traverse. Applicants specifically reserve the right to seek patent protection for non-elected subject matter by divisional application.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-3862.

Respectfully submitted,

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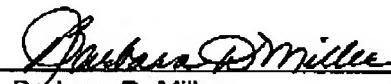
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